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E.O. 11652: SGDS-4
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SUBJECT: INVOLVEMENT OF SOVIET TADZHIKS IN AFGHANISTAN

1. DR. JAMIL HANIFI, PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY AT
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, TOLD EMBOFFS JUNE 26
THAT DURING INTER-ACADEMY EXCHANGE VISIT TO DUSHANBE
MAY 27 TO JUNE 24 HE GATHERED CONSIDERABLE DETAILED
INFORMATION ABOUT INVOLVEMENT BY TADZHIKS IN HIGH-
LEVEL POLICY ADVISORY AND FORMULATION POSITIONS IN
AFGHANISTAN. HE BELIEVES THIS INFORMATION MAY BE
OF INTEREST TO U.S. AGENCIES. AS EXAMPLE, HE SAID
HE HAD INFORMATION ON ROLE BEING PLAYED BY HEAD OF
TADZHIK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, WHO IS NOW IN AFGHANISTAN.

2. HANIFI DID NOT PASS ON ANY DETAILS BECAUSE OF
TIME LIMITATIONS (HE WAS DEPARTING USSR SAME AFTER-
NOON) AND BECAUSE HE WAS RELUCTANT TO DO SO WHILE
STILL IN USSR. HE SAID HE COULD BE CONTACTED AT
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, NORTHERN ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY, DEKALB, ILLINOIS (TEL 815-753-0246) OR
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AT HOME 1521 HUNTINGTON STREET, DEKALB, ILLINIOS
(TEL 815-756-1158) AFTER JULY 1.

3. COMMENT: HANIFI IS A NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN
WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN AFGHANISTAN. HE SAYS
HIS FATHER WAS ONCE AFGHANISTAN'S AMBASSADOR TO
THE SOVIET UNION. SINCE HE CAN COMMUNICATE

FLUENTLY WITH THE TADZHIKS IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE
AND MAY THEREFORE HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH PEOPLE
WHO COULD SPEAK WITH FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT OF SOVIET UNION IN AFGHANISTAN,
WE PASS ON HIS OFFER FOR WHATEVER FOLLOW-UP
DEPARTMENT DEEMS APPROPRIATE. DR. HANIFI'S REMARKS
INDICATED THAT HE OPPOSES CURRENT AFGHAN REGIME
AND WE SUSPECT THAT ANY INFORMATION HE PROVIDES
WILL REFLECT THAT OPPOSITION. WE SUGGESTED THAT
IF HE WISHED TO CONTACT DEPARTMENT, HE DO SO THROUGH
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